## RESOLUTION NO. R2009-50

A RESOLUTION HONORING KAREN SHROPSHIRE UPON HER RETIREMENT AND COMMENDING HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire will retire on August 14, 2009, as a town employee and as the Director of the Mountain Arts Community Center; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire has spent years serving the community, its schools and the Signal Mountain Playhouse for which she served as president; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire was honored as the Signal Mountain Woman of the Year in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, upon the opening of Nolan Elementary School and the closing of Signal Mountain Elementary School in 1998, Karen Shropshire and other members of the community envisioned the former elementary school could become a community center focused on the arts; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire spearheaded the transformation of the former elementary school into the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) that opened as a department of the Town of Signal Mountain in 1999 and Karen became its first director; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire, recognized that the Signal Mountain Grammar School building had great historical significance for this community and worked with others to have the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire has dedicated countless hours as a town employee and as a volunteer for improving the MACC and performing tasks far beyond her official duties to establish it as a thriving and integral part of the Signal Mountain community; and,

WHEREAS, Karen Shropshire is also remembered in this community as the wife of the late Jerry Shropshire and as the mother of two daughters, Erin and Allyson, and four grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that Karen Shropshire is hereby honored upon her retirement for her outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee.